



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Civil Division

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Via E-mail

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Request No. 145-FOI-16734  
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Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the response of the Civil Division, Department of Justice to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any departure or farewell email sent by Chad Readler on or around his last day in the office at DOJ. This Office received your request on April 11, 2019.

The Civil Division located one page responsive to your request, which is being released to you in part. The Civil Division withheld certain information because it is protected from disclosure under the FOIA pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This provision concerns material the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 202-514-2319 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may

submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hirsh D. Kravitz", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Hirsh D. Kravitz  
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**From:** [Readler, Chad A. \(CIV\)](#)  
**To:** [Civ-All](#)  
**Subject:** Thank you  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:36:10 PM

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Civil Division Colleagues,

Earlier today, our former AAG (now Judge) Gregory Katsas swore me in as a member of the judiciary during a ceremony in our CIV conference room. While I am eager to continue my public service, it will be hard to imagine a better experience than serving alongside all of you in the Civil Division.

Your collegiality and support made me feel welcome from the start. Your professional excellence gave me great confidence in our work. And your dedication to our shared mission impressed me day after day. You have imparted in me far more wisdom than I could ever have hoped to return.

I will take many fond memories of our time together with me to the bench. It is hard to imagine a future opinion that won't be shaped, at least in some way, by our shared service.

Most importantly, it feels like I've made 1,000 new friends in Washington. And all of you have one in Ohio.

I hope you will keep in touch. You can reach me at (b) (6) Please let me know if you find yourself in Columbus, or in court in Cincinnati. Or, even better, in Ann Arbor on a fall Saturday.

The Division could not be in better shape under Jody's leadership. I'll be watching from afar, rooting all of you on.

Thank you again for all of the support you have given me and our Front Office the last two years,

Chad

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice

United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit